



# TIPPEGAN NEWS

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to City Planner Matt Spring for passing his American Institute for Certified Planners (AICP) examination. AICP certified planners carry a high mark of distinction because they are required to meet rigorous standards, maintain their expertise through continuing education, and serve community interests. AICP is the American Planning Association's (APA) professional institute, providing recognized leadership nationwide in the certification of professional planners, ethics, professional development, planning education, and the standards of planning practice.

## Trash Pick-Up



Trash pick-up will be delayed one day due to Christmas and New Years Day. Christmas Tree pick-up will occur on January 5th and 12th.

## Tipp City Veterans' Memorial Bricks

The City of Tipp City is accepting orders for new bricks to be installed in the Veterans' Memorial Park for 2010. The tan bricks are available in two sizes: 4" x 8" – 3 lines of copy (\$53.25) and the 8" x 8" – 6 lines of copy (\$213). Applicants/honorees must be a veteran and have some connection to Tipp City/Monroe Township. Applications are available at the City Government Center, Tipp-Monroe Community Services, and online at [www.tippcityohio.gov](http://www.tippcityohio.gov). Make your checks payable to the City of Tipp City.

Any questions on this program, please call the Service Department at (937)667-6305.

## Kyle Park Memorial Tree Program

The Tipp City Tree Board established the program in 1992, setting aside a section of the Thomas B. Kyle, Sr. Memorial Park for the plantings. Since that time many trees have been planted either in memory of or in honor of a loved one. The cost of a tree is \$200. Donors to the program may select from the following four species: Ginkgo, Red Oak, American Linden and Hybrid London Plane Sycamore. Planting takes place either in the spring or fall, depending on the time of the donation. The donated tree is planted and cared for by the City Park Department. An engraved stone bearing the person's name in whose memory the donation was made is implanted beside the tree. Anyone who wishes to participate in the program can obtain an application online at [www.tippcityohio.gov](http://www.tippcityohio.gov) or at the Utility/Service Office.

## Line Clearing Program by Tipp Electric Department

Electric utilities are required to maintain the reliability and safety of their system, which is partly done by keeping tree branches away from the power lines, including those lines that are on consumers' property. Tipp City Electric has certified arborists on staff that do this work to remove branches that may interfere with the power lines. Most importantly, trees growing too close to power lines endanger the lives of utility workers and the public – especially children.

Nationally, about one-third of power outages can be traced to tree interference. Trees that grow into the power lines can cause problems in three ways:

- **Safety:** Trees directly touching power lines put constant stress on live wires and cause branches to burn and fall to the ground, sometimes causing fires in trees. The potential for electrical shock exists if a person causes a limb to touch a live wire or if something they are carrying, like a pole pruner, makes contact.
- **Voltage loss:** Trees touching power lines drain electricity off the electrical system resulting in voltage loss. Low voltage can damage motor-driven appliances such as refrigerators or washing machines, and sensitive electronics such as computers.
- **Storm-related outages:** Wind, snow and ice often damage trees. Branches, limbs and entire trees can fall on power lines, tearing down energized lines, transformers and poles.

For safety reasons, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) requires that we maintain a minimum ten-foot clearance between trees and energized or potentially energized electrical equipment. In order to maintain this clearance we must consider how much the tree will grow between trimmings. Maintaining clearance around the service drop (the wires that run from the pole to the home) is the property owner's responsibility. This is not a high-voltage line, though we recommend that you hire a professional service to do the trimming.

Utility representatives may enter property to trim any branches that are

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touching or are close to power lines. In addition to trimming the limbs from the overhead lines it is often times necessary to clear the ground in an easement area in order to maintain proper access for utility vehicles to all lines in an emergency or maintenance situation.

Normally our arborists will remove tree limbs and the debris we create, though the logs which are cut into 4'-6' pieces can be left with the property owner if requested. Additionally, at the property owner's request we will remove any tree that is within our electric easement rather than just trimming them back.

When tree debris is caused by a severe storm, we do not take the time to remove it. Our crews must work quickly to remove hazardous downed wires and make repairs to restore power to thousands of customers.

Our tree trimming program is a crucial part of the reliability that we are able to offer the customers of Tipp City Electric. ♣

**Tipp City Electric: Reliable, Local, Yours**



## Historic Tipp City

This month we provide another article in

an ongoing informational series geared towards Tipp City's downtown historic district. This month we're focused on the important role that volunteers play in strengthening Tipp City's downtown district. You may recall that the Downtown Tipp City Partnership (DTCP) is a local non-profit organization geared towards maintaining and revitalizing our historic downtown area through use of the *Main Street Approach*. In addition to a full-time paid Executive Director (Matt Owen), nearly 30 citizens donate hundreds of hours per year as volunteers for the DTCP.

Volunteers are an important part of the structure that helps keep nonprofit organizations, like the DTCP, running smoothly. Creating a community-based revitalization

program means engaging people through outreach and volunteer service. Unlike many nonprofit organizations, the volunteers who serve on the DTCP boards and committees must take a hands-on role in running the program and implementing its activities. The good news is that, while the economy may be down, volunteerism is on the rise. The Corporation for National and Community Service – which hosts the most comprehensive data on volunteering in the U.S. – announced in July that, despite the challenges of a tough economic situation, 2008 was apparently a banner year for volunteerism in the U.S. And, when you consider how much a volunteer is worth, (about \$20.25 per hour, according to the CNCS), that translates into a powerful impact!

The DTCP is always looking for individuals interested in the downtown district. Whether you're interested in a certain event or area, or considering devoting yourself to a specific committee, the DTCP would love to have your help! Volunteer opportunities are available for numerous areas including: the Board of Directors, various subcommittees, administration and fundraising, special events, and public relations. If you are interested in volunteering with the DTCP, please e-mail Terri Bessler, Volunteer Coordinator, at [tbessler@woh.rr.com](mailto:tbessler@woh.rr.com) or visit her at Midwest Memories located at 20 W. Main Street in downtown Tipp City. ♣



## Residential Garbage and Lawn Bag Pick-Up

Waste Management would like to remind all residents to have both the garbage and recyclables out to the curb or alley no later than 6:00 a.m. on the day of pick-up. The time of pick-up may vary from week to week, however, the day will remain the same.

Yard waste bags will begin being picked up on your regular trash day starting December 1st. Please have these bags to the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. ♣

## Volunteer Reception Center (VRC)

Be prepared with us! Following a disaster, citizens want to help their neighbors. Establishing a Volunteer Reception Center offers the opportunity to assist in an organized manner with tasks to help restore communities to their pre-disaster conditions. For further details call Tipp Monroe Community Services 667-8631 or the Tipp City Area United Way at 669-3863.



## Important City Contacts

- **Automated Attendant/Direct Connect**  
669-TIPP
- **Police, Fire and EMS (EMERGENCY)**  
9-1-1
- **Miami County Communications Center (Non-Emergency)**  
440-9911
- **Police (Non-Emergency)**  
667-3112
- **Fire and EMS (Non-Emergency)**  
667-9199 or 667-1680
- **Utility Billing**  
667-8424
- **Planning/Zoning**  
667-6305
- **Engineering and Utilities**  
667-6305
- **Refuse Collection (Waste Management)**  
866-695-3433
- **Service Center (Parks and Streets)**  
667-8234
- **City Manager's Office**  
667-8425
- **Clerk of Council**  
667-8425
- **Construction Notice Update**  
667-6293